

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 30-32 and 34-39 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-7 and 30-32 are allowed; claim 33 was canceled herein; claims 34 and 38 were rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 39 was amended to alter the claim dependence.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

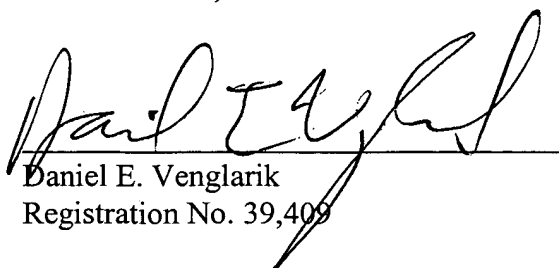
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *dvenglarik@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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